

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| Natsuhiko MIZUTANI et al. |) | Examiner: J. S. Ruggles |
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| Application No.: 10/529,892 |) | Group Art Unit: 1795 |
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| U.S. National Stage Completion |) | Confirmation No.: 7800 |
| Under 35 U.S.C. § 371: November 22, 2005 |) | |
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| For: NEAR-FIELD LIGHT GENERATING METHOD | : | |
| AND NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL HEAD USING A | : | |
| LIGHT BLOCKING METAL FILM HAVING A | : | |
| FINE OPENING WHOSE SIZE IS NOT MORE | : | |
| THAN A WAVELENGTH OF IRRADIATED | : | |
| LIGHT, AND NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL | : | |
| MICROSCOPE HAVING THE OPTICAL HEAD | : | |
| (As Amended) |) | December 9, 2009 |

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STATEMENT REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Ruggles for the courtesies extended toward their undersigned representative during the telephone conversation of November 30, 2009, which was reported in the Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary mailed December 2, 2009, in the above-identified application.

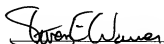
In response, Applicants have further reviewed the file of the this application and have determined that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 4, 2005 (with the erroneous application number) was resubmitted in a corrected Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 7, 2005. That paper was considered by the Examiner, as indicated in the attachment to the Office Action dated May 13, 2009. Accordingly, no further action is required.

Applicants are concurrently herewith paying the Issue Fee and Publication Fee in this application in order to ensure prompt issuance.

Applicants believe that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fees be associated herewith.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


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